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SUBJ: UNIDO SENIOR POSTS

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1. PERMREP HAD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH UNIDO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK. MEETING WAS OCCASION TO DISCUSS KHANE'S INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO REPRESENTATION OF AMERICAN NATIONALS AT SENIOR LEVELS OF SECRETARIAT IN LIGHT OF UNIDO REORGANIZATION AND OUR DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITH HIM LAST JUNE (REFTEL).

2. KHANE STATED THAT HE HAD NOT FORGOTTEN QUESTION WE HAD RAISED OF GREATER AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN UNIDO AT SUPERVISORY LEVEL TO OFFSET LOSS OF POST OF DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION. NOW THAT QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING THREE DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSTS (ASG) WAS APPROACHING DECISION IN ACABQ AND FIFTH COMMITTEE HE WAS IN A POSITION TO INDICATE HIS THINKING WITH RESPECT TO THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THESE POSITIONS. AS FOR DISTRIBUTION, HIS PRESENT THINKING WAS TO FILL THESE SENIOR POSTS FROM THE US, SOVIET UNION AND PRC. IN THIS CONNECTION HE NOTED
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THAT FREQUENT REFERENCES BY MISSIONS AND
STAFF MEMBERS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "TROIKA"

AT THE TOP OF THE ORGANIZATION IGNORED THE PRESENCE IN THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PRC WHICH BELONGED TO NONE OF THE ESTABLISHED GEOGRAPHICAL GROUPS. AS FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH THESE POSTS WERE TO BE UTILIZED KHANE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO APPOINT ONE DEPUTY TO HEAD THE LARGE INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, ONE TO HEAD THE CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES AND ONE TO SERVE UNDER HIM IN HIS IMMEDIATE OFFICE TO SUPERVISE THE DIVISIONS OF POLICY COORDINATION (AFFIFI) AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SYLLA). IN THIS CONNECTION KHANE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE SWEDES WHO WERE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT RISHOLM (WHO HAS NOW REPORTED FOR DUTY IN UNIDO) WOULD BE GIVEN ONE OF THE DEPUTY POSTS AS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION. KHANE OPINED, HOWEVER, THAT HE COULD "TAKE CARE" OF THIS PROBLEM.

3. KHANE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO HAVE AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE MISSION, FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM NEW YORK AND ASSUMING HIS REQUEST WAS GRANTED, ON THE QUESTION OF WHICH OF THE THREE POSTS THE US MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN. WE RESPONDED THAT WE WOULD BE GLAD TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME.

4. AT D-2 LEVEL, DISCUSSION REVOLVED LARGELY AROUND POSTION OF NAPOLIELLO WHO, AS REPORTED IN SEPTELS, PROSPECTIVELY ENDS UP AS ONE OF THREE DEPUTIES IN INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS DIVISION. TO OUR COMMENT THAT THIS INVOLVED A RELATIVE REDUCTION IN NAPOLIELLO'S STATUS IN THE ORGANIZATION KHANE OBSERVED THAT NAPOLIELLO WAS NOT FAR FROM RETIREMENT AGE IN ANY CASE AND WOULD PRESUMABLY LEAVE UNIDO AT THAT POINT. IN RESPONSE TO OUR GENERAL COMMENT THAT, LOOKING STRICTLY AT DISTRIBUTION OF SECTION CHIEF POSTS, US HAD NOT COME OUT WELL IN REORGANIZATION, KHANE REFERRED TO LIMA RECOMMENDATION CALLING FOR INCREASED LDC REPRESENTATION IN POLICY MAKING AND OTHER STAFF POSTS AND SAID HE WAS BOUND TO ACT
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ACCORDINGLY. DUE TO LACK OF TIME WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PURSUE THE DISCUSSION BEYOND THIS POINT.

5. IN CLOSING, KHANE STRESSED THAT, WHILE HE HAD SHARED HIS PRESENT THINKING ON ASG POSTS WITH US, HIS REMARKS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A COMMITMENT TO DEAL WITH THE POSTS AS INDICATED PARTLY BECAUSE SO LONG AS UNIDO WAS IN THE US THESE DECISIONS WOULD REQUIRE WALDHEIM'S AGREEMENT.

6. FURTHER MISSION COMMENT OF THIS SUBJECT IN SEPTTEL.
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